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EDITORIAL

Ideally this issue of VIEW-POINT will arrive in your home on Saturday, April 1. Yesterday was Good Friday. Tomorrow is Easter.

The "day between" was a dark one for the discouraged, disheartened, distraught disciples of Jesus. Only the real fact of His being alive drove away the darkness of soul as Easter's dawn summoned a new kind of light for them and all mankind. It was so amazing, so unbelievably wonderful; they were slow to grasp its meaning. Yet when they caught on, they were caught up in a new purpose.

EASTER, 1961

Spin the time wheel to 1961. Nearly 2,000 years of experience behind her, Christ's church too often acts as though this still were the dark day before the first resurrection morning.

We overlook the fact that His Church is one when we let our Christian ranks be divided by the clever opponents of godliness who would increase our weakness by multiplying our divisions. With cool calculation, Communists turn fundamentalist against liberal, and vice versa, for them to destroy each other and emasculate the power of the Gospel around the world. If ever we seek and find the great common denominator of the Gospel in the person of Christ, it is now.

The value of our personal witness to Christ's changing influence in our lives cannot be exaggerated. Do we act like disbelievers because we do *not* believe? It is imperative that with lines of battle drawn between materialism and Christianity, we not alone bear the name but act the part – consistently – of followers of our Lord.

Christ's ability to change us and others is short circuited until each of us wants to be changed. May the power of the resurrection possess, direct and empower us. Through us may love, truth, freedom and the dignity and worth of every creature be multiplied because Christ is risen.

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"HERE IS A CHURCH WHERE PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED,"

says the VIEW-POINT reporter after a visit to First Christian Church, Santa Ana.

One is impressed, on first sight, at First Chris-ian, Santa Ana, with the fine, functional, and com-lete church plant. All of this has been accomplish-d and paid for since 1946 and not at the sacrifice f outreach capital causes, because this congrega-ion has supported well the new church program roughout Southern California.

Much credit is given by the membership to the eadership of the church. Rev. Gerald S. Bash, min-ister is in his twenty-third year here. First Christian has been a good steward of its leadership, having had three ministers in the last forty years. *(First Christian Church, Santa Ana, was established, June 11, 1886.)* Educated at Eugene Bible College, Eugene, Oregon, Rev. Bash served for 5½ years at the Tulare Church in Northern California. He has been in his present pastorate since that time except for time out to erve his country with the United States Navy. Rev. ash holds a Reserve Commission as Commander.

Gerald S. Bash Minister

Newly arrived is Jack Pettigrew and family. ack serves as Associate Minister. Other leader-hip includes: Mrs. Virginia Bash, director of the outh Church; Bill Daniels, High School Director; nd Shirley Pettigrew, wife of the Associate Minis-er as Chi Rho Director.

More Impressions

An outstanding event in the life of First Chris-ian is the annual Easter program and presentation f the play, "That Man of Galilee". This is written, roduced, cast, costumed and directed by people of he congregation on a volunteer basis. This year's resentation on March 27, 28, 29 and 31 had a cast f seventy-five plus those behind the scenes. This s the sixth year for the play. People come from all arts of Southern California to worship as they watch, enthralled by this most excellent program, which runs seven consecutive nights.

Church Services

Morning services include two for adults and one for children. A usual Sunday morning, not counting nursery, will find over 800 worshiping here.

Unique is the children's service, directed by Mrs. Bash. The deacons, ushers and choir are all children, the choir providing both response and anthem. Preaching in the Children's Church is by outstanding lay persons and the Associate Minister. Each "preacher" serves for one month.

Jack Pettigrew Associate Minister

Church School

One will find over 700 in Church School on a Sunday morning, and strange as it may seem, about one-half of these are adults. When Mrs. Bash was asked the question relating to the continued growth of church and church school attendance, she replied, "By continued devoted leadership and a strong youth program. We are constantly developing future leaders for the church. Also, one must always develop continued attendance." This was said as she faithfully wrote out attendance reminders. Other church school related activities include membership classes: for juniors in the morning and adults in the evening.

When the whole program of First Christian Church has been reviewed, one must certainly say, "It has involved the entire congregation." •

VIEW POINTS

The Narcotics Problem

by Robert L. Danner
Minister, First Christian Church
Reseda

"I didn't like being called a 'square'"...I wanted these fellows to like me... so I decided to try Heroin." This confession from the lips of a typical looking young American sounds the trumpet call for social alertness to the invasion of drug addiction.

No one ever expects to become an addict – even an addict himself. Every patient with whom I had contact during several years of frequent visits to the United States Public Health Service Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky, gave indication that they "really" did not intend to become "hooked".

I suppose none of the 3,000 men and women entering the federal narcotic hospital at Lexington each year ever thought that it would be they who would become addicted. This is part of our practical American philosophy which says that we can get away with almost anything and be excused from responsibility.

We who live so very close to Mexico where much of the narcotic traffic originates can feel the drowsy breaths of drug addicts whenever we take the time. Southern California is known as one of the leading states in the illegal sale and use of drugs.

California is also known for its vast population and opportunities. To our teeming cities come people seeking work and renewed life. Many find it. Some do not.

Individuals become depressed in big cities and their feelings of insecurity are accentuated; and it is under these conditions that drug addiction flourishes. There is little of the "small town" moral or ethical strength in Southern California and this tends to encourage people to find friends who will be of mutual satisfaction to each other.

Recent statistics between 1954 and 1959 show the Christian Churches in Southern California a loss of membership by at least 1,902. This being true, we can assume that not only are we not meeting the current needs of our memberships, but we can hardly be of consequence to the daily increase of population, addict or non-addict.

In regard to the problem of drug addiction let us review some helpful information which may be of value as we plan to meet the needs of people:

1. DRUG ADDICTION IS NOT A HABIT. It is a condition in which a person compulsively abuses a drug to such an extent that he injures society, himself or both. Only after a short time a drug becomes an integral part of a person's bodily function. Just as our lungs crave air, an addict's mind and body demand the chemical support of narcotics. An addict is rarely cured outside of a hospital.

2. EVERY CHURCH COULD BENEFIT BY HAVING GROUPS STUDY THE DRUG ISSUE. With the help of law enforcement agencies and educational foundations already established in most areas, a church could do an adequate job of presenting the problems before youth and adults.

3. STATE AND NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE BODIES NEED TO HEAR FROM CHRISTIANS supporting laws regulating the flow of narcotics, the illegal sale and use of drugs. •

by Bill Parry, Jr.
Minister of Christian Education
Central Christian, San Diego

The church must attempt to meet the narcotics problem or any other social problem at the point where it can make the most impact and greatest contribution. Church members certainly will want to give support to the educational and law enforcement agencies in their attempts to combat this menace, but this is not the primary task of the churches. The expressed concern of the church is that a man's relationship to God be that of worship and loyalty to His will, and that his relationship to his fellowmen be that of Christian love and service. This points to the job of the churches in the Southland or in any other part of the country. It is a task of helping people become whole with purpose and direction for life. This becomes important when we meet the addict or the potential addict. Chief Probation Officer of San Diego, Mr. Charles T. G. Rogers, describes certain characteristics of drug addicts in the following way: "Drug addiction is a symptom pointing to deeper problems in the emotional, psychological, or social make-up of the individual. Authorities in medicine and psychiatry are in agreement that the great majority of drug addicts are persons who are emotionally insecure or unstable, who have feelings of inadequacy, are immature, or psychoneurotic. They were that way before they took up the use of drugs and it was because of these personality defects that they sought escape through the use of drugs."* Let us of the churches of Southern California realize the importance of our efforts (or lack of them) at making the Christian life a reality for the people we live with each day. •

*(*From a pamphlet printed by the Probation Department of San Diego. No copyright marking. Page 6.)*

What can the Southern California churches do about this?

ISCIPLES GROW IN GIVING

by Roy L. Thorp

Ad interim minister, Fullerton First

Strange as it seems, Disciples are no longer ted at the bottom in per capita giving. Accord- to figures from the National Council Department Stewardship, released through the Christian Her- l, Disciples rank ahead of such respectable dies as the Southern Baptist, Methodist and erican Baptists. The highest ten in per capita ing is still among the smaller bodies, headed the Free Methodist $269.71. They list the larger dies as follows:

Lutheran, Missouri Synod	$93.89
United Presbyterian, U.S.A.	82.30
Protestant Episcopal	61.36
Disciples of Christ	60.93
Southern Baptist	53.18
Methodists	52.18
American Baptist	48.52

While it is encouraging to note our growth in ing and comparative rank, we are still below the erage of all bodies listed by the National Coun- at $69.13, with $12.88 for World Outreach, and ve less than one third of the tithe on the average. e reason for the better showing is that we are ginning to figure the per capita giving on the sis of the membership of the churches supporting ified Promotion instead of the gross estimated membership.

The progress of Disciples in stewardship is indicated by the following comparisons:

Year	Local Expenses	World Outreach	Total
1936	$ 5.84	$1.25	$ 7.09
1946	13.72	3.53	17.25
1949	14.66	4.21	18.87
1959-60	52.11	8.82	60.93

Total giving

1949-50	$36,836,259	$ 7,913,637	$44,749,896
1959-60	71,441,478	13,499,906	84,941,384

Certainly we have come a long ways in the last 24 years and still it must be realized that we are far short of the potential. But with such growth, the challenges of the Decade of Decision are not impossible. They are that each church and each member move forward each year until the tithe becomes the norm rather than the exception in giving, and that each church grow each year in its World Outreach giving until as much is given to "others" as to our local work. •

EVANGELISM ADVANCE ADDS 850 MEMBERS

by James A. Warren

Thirty-two congregations report that a total of 50 new members were gained during the 1960 Fall vangelism Advance. Two-hundred and forty were y baptism and six-hundred and ten by transfer. In ddition to these thirty-two churches, ten additional ongregations began the program and either did not nish it or have extended the time schedule until aster. Also, certain participating churches report- d that decision cards had been signed by persons ho had not as yet responded by January 1, 1961. It ould therefore be reasonable to assume that the 960 Fall Evangelism Advance was responsible irectly or indirectly for about one thousand addi- ions to our churches.

The 1960 Fall Evangelism Advance was a pro- ram of the Evangelism Department of the Christian Churches of Southern California of which Bill Tol- iver is chairman. Direction to participating chur- hes was given in a series of four District Training Sessions. The key to the Advance was the gener- ous leadership of the District Directors, who gave f their time and talent without remuneration. Among hem were: Charles Gibbs, D. W. McElroy, Bill Tol- iver, Lee Pryor, Tom Gibbs, John Hedwall and John King. James A. Warren of the Area Office staff helped to train Directors and to administer the program.

San Bernardino, First reported the largest number of additions at 65, but North Long Beach was close behind with 60; Santa Maria, First with 52; Delhaven and Pomona, each with 50; Downey with 46; Fontana with 43; and Oceanside with 42. Five churches reported between 30 and 40 additions; 3 churches between 20 and 30 additions; 10 churches between 10 and 20 additions; and 6 churches under 10 additions.

1961 Fall Evangelism Advance

The program for the Fall of 1961 will employ the proven methods of intensive visitation evangelism, together with a longer time schedule and a guest director for each congregation. Guest Directors will be recruited from among the ministers in Southern California and will be given special training. The Set-Up Meetings will be held during the week of October 8, and Decision Sunday has been set for January 28, 1962.

Churches are requested to work out their participation in the 1961 Fall Evangelism Advance during their church planning conference for 1961-62. Congregations deciding to be a part of the Advance should notify the Department of Evangelism at the Area Office no later than September 1, 1961. •

INSPIRATION POINT

EASTER AFTERGLOW

by Larry Wells
National Benevolent
Association Representative

About a year ago I met a former college classmate, one whom I had not seen for perhaps thirty years. After we had conversed for a few minutes I remarked that every time I thought of him I associated him with an experience we had together on a certain occasion. "Do you mean the time we climbed the mountain?" he asked. This opened up the fact that for a period of three decades each of us had carried the afterglow of a magnificent experience – something which had enriched our lives. With a group of our friends we had climbed this small mountain on a dismal, foggy afternoon. At the summit we found ourselves looking into the rays of the setting sun. About us was a never-to-be forgotten splendor as we gazed upon the ocean of fog, transformed into a sea of unbelievable beauty. In the distance were snow-covered peaks which glowed like gems above the billowing mists. In my poor mind that scene still beggars description. But the effect lingers undimmed by the passing years – God was so near!

The afterglow of Easter must have been a blazing fire in the breasts of those who, after passing through the tragedy and disappointments which led to the crucifixion, came into personal contact with their Risen Lord. After the first moments of wonder and incredulity their beings were set aglow with this greatest event in history. And, it had happened to them! The tremendous fact that Christ, once dead, was alive forevermore sent them running from house to house, from village to town to city, proclaiming that Jesus Christ is Lord. Those who were eye witnesses gave the message with such accuracy and vividness that their hearers caught the fever and joined in telling the glad news. Even after nearly two thousand years the effect is undimmed – God is ever so near! •

POET'S CORNE

Our Christian Heritage

Thomas Campbell and his son
were men of high ideal,
they preached the Holy Scriptur
with an enthusiastic zeal.

With thirty faithful followers
and love for their fellow man,
they built a Church at Brush R
that's how our Church began.

The Church was small and humb
with no lock upon the door,
all would be made welcome
whether rich or whether poor.

The work was most completed
and the day was drawing nigh,
the first sermon would be preach
on the fourth day of July.

The door was open wide that d
new souls they were to win,
all hearts were open just as wi
so Christ could enter in.

The services were conducted
by Alexander, Thomas' son,
the communion table well prepa
and served to every one.

From those thirty faithful
followers
with their trust in God, did grov
two million willing workers
from seed that they did sow.

Opal Prieu

Mrs. Opal Prieur, member of t
First Christian Church of Sa
Paula, wrote and presented her poe
"Our Christian Heritage" for t
Women's Day service in her chu
this year. On the program with h
was Mrs. Lyal Coates, Area Pre
dent of CWF. Mrs. Prieur was
spired by Disciple History as s
wrote this poem. This interest c
tinued in the Santa Paula chu
when Mrs. Gladys Sharp reviewe
Louis Cochran's book, THE FO
OF GOD. Mr. Lowell E. Haggard
the minister of this church.

BETHANY BOOKSTORE IN LOS ANGELES

ALBERT F. BUNNEY NAMED MANAGER

The new Bethany Bookstore was opened March 16 in Los Angeles, California at 3114 Los Feliz Boulevard. Established by the Christian Board of Publication of St. Louis, Missouri, the bookstore's opening was marked by an open house on March 17, 18 and 19.

The bookstore, covering 4400 square feet, has a 50-foot front featuring three display windows. An estimated $50,000 was spent to make improvements on the new outlet. There are two other Bethany Bookstores; one in St. Louis, Missouri and the other in Indianapolis, Indiana.

In addition to handling a full line of church and church school materials and supplies, the newest Bethany bookstore carries a complete stock of both religious and general books, audio visuals and recordings.

Albert F. Bunney, formerly minister of Highland Park Christian Church, Los Angeles, has been named manager. A native Californian, Mr. Bunney has also held pastorates at Ocean Park Christian Church, Santa Monica, and the First Christian Church, Fresno. A graduate of Chapman College, Orange, Mr. Bunney earned his M.A. degree at the University of Southern California.

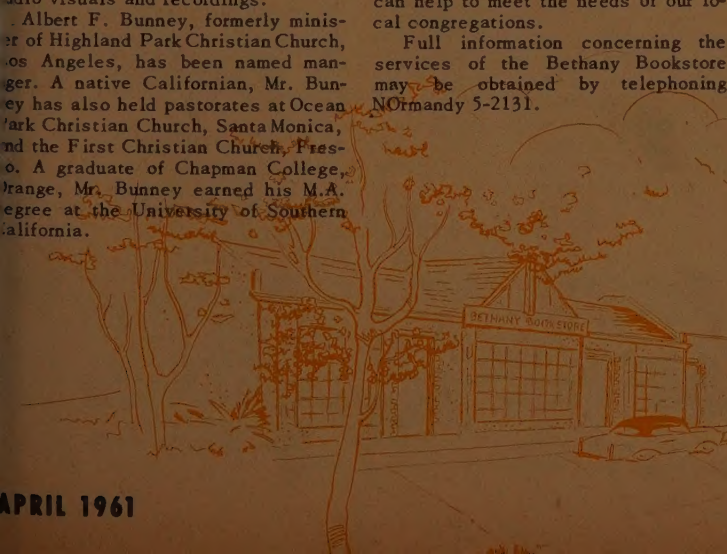
FIRST ORDER ARRIVES FOR BETHANY BOOKS

Store manager, Albert Bunney and Mrs. Ellen Wellington, clerk of Bookstore, examine (in picture above) their first order for a teacher's manual even before fixtures were assembled or books had arrived.

Mrs. Wellington received her education in the public schools of El Centro, California, and is a graduate of Central Junior College of that city. She comes to her new position from a similar position in the book department of one of the large Southern California department stores.

Mr. Bunney announces that he hopes to spend considerable time visiting among the churches of our area, and will be available for speaking engagements, book displays, conferences on curriculum and supply needs, and in any other way that he can help to meet the needs of our local congregations.

Full information concerning the services of the Bethany Bookstore may be obtained by telephoning NOrmandy 5-2131.



NOTICE OF TAX

Effective on the date the new store was established, March 16, the tax authorities in California have informed us that we will be obliged to collect a 4% tax on all books, Bibles, hymnals, and church supplies, whether sold at the store or shipped from St. Louis. Dated quarterly, monthly and weekly materials are exempt from this tax.

The 4% tax will be paid to state Board of Equalization; 3% will be applied to pay the California use tax and 1% for city and county sales tax.

In order to fully comply with this law these taxes will appear as a charge on your invoices beginning March 16, 1961. When cash accompanies orders please include this state or county tax charge in your remittance.

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NEW BOOKS

Hartzell Spence has written THE STORY OF AMERICA'S RELIGIONS. These are a collection of a series of award-winning magazine articles that appeared in Look. A collection of individual stories of America's major faiths, each is carefully and sympathetically set against a background of the special sociological and cultural contributions of the particular religious movement being studied.

ROADSIDE TABLES written by Mrs. Harold L. (Alberta) Lunger is an outstanding series of personal prayer studies built around the theme of tables or refreshment areas along life's journey. Mrs. Lunger is the wife of a professor of Christian Ethics at Texas Christian University.

A book to help new church members to avoid the spiritual let-down which almost inevitably follows conversion has been written by Eugene May, pastor of the Flemingsburg, Kentucky Christian Church. It is entitled FOR BETTER CHURCH MEMBERS.

An exceedingly timely book about the Congolese upheavel and its effect on Christian missionary efforts in Congo, is CONGO CRISIS AND CHRISTIAN MISSION. Robert J. Nelson, its author, has based it on knowledge gained in his five extensive visits to Congo in the past five years, in his service as the executive secretary of the Department of Africa of The United Christian Missionary Society. Dr. Nelson attempts to take the readers only through the end of 1960, but also takes a critical look at the future of Christian missions in Africa.

Any of the above books may be secured through the Christian Board of Publication in St. Louis or through The Bethany Bookstore at 3114 Los Feliz, Los Angeles 39.

FAMILY ALBUM

VIRGIL SLY ASSEMBLY SPEAKER

Dr. Virgil A. Sly will address the June Assembly of Christian Churches on the nature and purpose of the Church. He is one of the most capable and keen executives leading the missionary program of the United Christian Missionary Society, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dr. Sly is the chairman of the Division of World Missions administering the crucial work in India, Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, Argentina, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Puerto Rico, Belgian Congo and Union of South Africa. Each of these areas are current headlines of world news and the Assembly will hear a bold and forthright message concerning the Church in the midst of world turmoil.

From his office in Indianapolis, Dr. Sly seeks to serve the 8,000 Christian Churches of the United States and twelve other countries. He has traveled extensively in Europe to consult with leaders in England, Belgium, Switzerland, France and Germany.

Dr. Sly is one of the vice-presidents of the National Council of Churches in the United States and is chairman of the executive board of the Council's Division of Foreign Missions.

Addressing the Assembly three times, Dr. Sly will follow the themes: GOD IN THE MIDST OF OUR WORLD, CHURCH'S INVOLVEMENT IN WORLD MISSION and THE EMERGING UNITY OF THE CHURCH. Christians interested in the forward movement of the total church and Christian movement are urged to register and be among the estimated 10,000 persons who will attend part or all of the Assembly.

73RD ASSEMBLY – JUNE 21-25

Rev. Dwaine Cerbin, Assembly president and minister of South Bay Christian Church, Redondo Beach, will bring the 73rd annual gathering of Southern California Christian Churches to order on Wednesday night, June 21, 1961. The Assembly will conclude Sunday night, June 25.

Registrations are under way in the local churches with the Area supervision of Rev. Gerald Bash, pastor, First Christian Church, Santa Ana.

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J. J. WALKER SCHOLARSHIP

Throughout his life, J. J. Walker was an energetic preacher and laborer in the Vineyard. One of his concerns was with Christian Higher Education. Upon the death of Mr. Walker, in the early fall of 1960, as a result of his request, flowers for his memorial services were omitted and his friends were asked to give the sum to a Scholarship Fund for young ministers or missionaries.

Mrs. Walker now writes that his friends turned the suggestion into a lovely memorial for him, and they now join his family in placing $1,000 in the scholarship fund at Chapman College.

Thus between "J. J." and his friends his life continues in meaningful expression.

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RESEDA—E. Dean Canady, Secretary of the Department of Christian Education for the Christian Churches of Southern California, will speak, April 16 in the First Christian Church.

Approximately forty leaders of the congregation and the minister, Robert L. Danner, will attend a planning retreat at the JOC Lodge, Pacific Palisades. This year the retreat has been extended from two to three days, and preparations have occupied the church's leaders for about four months. Program and budgetary plans resulting from the retreat will be presented to the congregation for adoption early this summer.

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GIFT LINKS SISTER CHURCHES

San Diego, University—A beautiful wooden cross was received from the Phillipines as a gift from the Tagalog Disciples Church in Manila. Hubert Reynolds, living link between the churches, said the handsome cross was handmade by one of the members of the Manila congregation.

NEWS

NEW WILSHIRE MINISTER BEGINS APRIL 23

Dr. John Paul Pack is closi 14 year ministry with the Univer Christian Church in Seattle to come the minister of the Wils Christian Church in Los Angeles will conduct his first service April 23.

In 1959, Dr. Pack was the p dent of the International Conve of Christian Churches and has g distinguished service to his Com ion in many other positions of responsibility.

Mrs. Pack, the former Adele W is a graduate of Bethany College has served as a leader in the U Council of Church Women. She sister of Mrs. Louis Cochran of S Monica.

Dr. and Mrs. Pack served in vious ministries in Tucson, Ari and Huntington, Indiana, and for en years were in Chattanooga, nessee before going to Seattle.

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SEMINARY BUILDING FUND

The Little White Chapel, Burb has sent the first gift of ca funds to the Disciples Semi Foundation. This money, augme by other contributions, will possible the erection of a Disci student building to be erected o campus of the Southern Calif School of Theology at Claren Dr. Ewart H. Wyle is the treasur the Foundation, though gifts and quests made directly to the Di les' Seminary Foundation may sent to 1325 N. College Avenu Claremont.

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TWO TO FOUR ADDITIONS EACH SUNDAY

A note from Dr. Ewart Wyle, ister of the Torrey Pines Chri Church in La Jolla, says, "We having from two to four addi every Sunday. We are now 105 averaging 25 interested visito Sunday. I believe we are goi make it!

"The city promised us land week."

RADUATE TO GLENDALE, ENTRAL

After his graduation from the uthern California School of The- ogy, Gerald R. Deaton on June 15 ll become the minister of Education Central Christian Church in Glen- le, sharing the leadership of the urch with pastor B. Frank Cron. A young man out of the State eet Church in Redlands, Mr. Dea- n has been serving part time with e Covina Christian Church where rrest Hibbard is the pastor.

Following his being granted the gree of Master of Theology in the aremont Seminary, he and his fam- will take up residence in Glen- le.

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ESTCHESTER ACCENTS YOUTH NEW BUILDING PLANS

In keeping with its long-range pro- am of providing a complete and equate church plant, Westchester ristian Church has approved pre- inary plans for (1) a total revamp- of present facilities and (2) new ildings to meet needs now foreseen. proval was given to proceed on the st phase of building, a new youth nter and adjacent recreational facil- es. Included in this phase will be w balcony seating and organ sound stem in the sanctuary, complete ndscaping of the undeveloped por- ns of the property and needed re- deling. The cost of this phase is timated at $150,000. Culver Heaton d Assoc. of Pasadena is the arch- ct. Reverend Thomas J. Gibbs, Jr. now in his tenth year with the urch as pastor.

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HURCHES JOIN TO SUPPORT EARNY MESA

The Christian Churches of San ego County are expressing them- lves collectively in another way. ey are securing Certificate Loan an funds from among their members be loaned to the Board of Church tension. In turn, the Board of urch Extension will lend this same ney to the new Kearny Mesa Chris- n Church with which it can erect first unit. Each of the congrega- ns accepted an allocation of money d several of them have exceeded ir loan commitments.

Those who are responsible for the strict life in San Diego were espe- ally gratified that in the United treach Conferences, every church s represented, in a meeting at ntral Christian on February 13. is proved to be the only district ich had 100% representation in the meetings held.

BERG-DANFORTH WEDDING

David Berg and Miss Linda Danforth, Kansas City, Missouri, were married in the winter when his parents were in Missouri. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Berg, Bakersfield.

A student at Phillips, David plans to enter medical missionary service and will go to the University of Kansas Medical School in the Fall of 1961. After his bride receives her A.B. at Phillips, she will work on her Masters in Social Service.

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CHURCHES AND THE PENSION FUND

Not everyone receives a copy of the Pension Fund Bulletin of the Christian Churches, so some notes will be of interest. While these figures were released only in early January 1961, they represent the year ending December 31, 1959:

Among the Christian Churches (Disciples) there are 7,572 ministers both active and retired. 5,285 of these are active members of the Pension Plan. There are 1,851 beneficiaries of the Pension Plan. Pension Plan benefits amounted to $1,162,922. Total funds amounted to $32,221,187.

During this particular year, 86 persons retired.

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RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY OBSERVED

Race Relations Sunday, February 12, was observed by the Christian Church of Riverside where Samuel McLean is minister, and the East Twenty-Eighth Street Christian Church of Los Angeles where Enoch Henry is minister, by an exchange of ministers and choirs for the worship services of the day.

In each church a fellowship hour followed the morning services and luncheon was served.

This exchange gave a great spiritual uplift to all who were present for worship and fellowship in both churches.

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MANLEY JOHNSON AT YOUTH BANQUET

First Christian Church reporter, Pauline McCoy, sends news of an exceptionally good youth banquet recently featuring Manley Johnson who spoke on the history of music.

Another project of the congregation has been to prepare the new library by cataloging and placing books on the shelves.

"WHICH WAY WORLD?"

The Metropolitan District Chi Rho is on the move. One hundred thirty-eight delegates from fifteen churches participated in the annual World Fellowship Youth Meet held February 23 and 25, 1961 at Westchester Christian Church. The Meet was led by Don Barrett, Wilshire Christian and Hay Pritchett of Westchester. Guests were welcomed aboard the Good Ship Chi Rho for their World Cruise by Miss Alexandra Weaklim of Westchester and escorted to their staterooms by other members of the Westchester Chi Rho Fellowship.

Highlighting Friday evening were the Cosmopolitan Singers from the Cosmopolitan Christian Church, along with an outstanding presentation of Olan Soule's play, "Why Missionaries?" presented by the First Christian Church of Bell Chi Rho. A most impressive worship service by the All Peoples Church Chi Rho closed the meeting.

Passengers were guided through the various countries in the discussion periods by Margaret Rogers, Hollywood-Beverly; Carnella Barnes, McCarty Memorial; Jean Nakagawa, All Peoples; Nancy Frankforter, Santa Monica and Leona Maher, Mary Guiso, Bonnie Cox, Pat Vaughn and Hay Pritchett, all of Westchester.

The worship service Saturday morning was led by the Hollywood-Beverly delegation. The tables at the Saturday evening banquet were decorated by members of the Santa Monica Chi Rho. The program featured the invocation by Tom Gibbs, pastor at Westchester, a duet by Tom Alley and Craig Sherwood of Highland Park and an address by Camie Bloom, International CYF President. The closing worship service was led by the McCarty Memorial Chi Rho group.

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DEATH COMES TO WIFE OF RETIRED MINISTER

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morris, formerly of Texas have made their home in Southern California for a number of years during which time he served as interim minister in several congregations. Their home has been in Van Nuys, and in early January Mrs. Morris died quite suddenly. Brief services were held in Van Nuys before Mr. Morris took his lady back to Dallas, Texas for burial. John Wells, minister of the Little Brown Church in North Hollywood, represented the Christian ministers by attending the Van Nuys service.

After a few weeks Mr. Morris returned to Van Nuys to close his home there. He has now gone to San Antonio, Texas, where he will be in the home of a dentist friend, Dr. William W Ward, 202 Quill Drive East.

TOP REGISTRATION SOUGHT FOR AREA ASSEMBLY

Record attendance and registration is being sought for the 1961 Area Assembly to be held at Orange, California, June 21-25, according to Gerald Bash, Chairman of the Registration Committee. Attendance quotas are being assigned to each one of the congregations in Southern California, and specific help is being given to the churches to enable them to reach these quotas. District Presidents have appointed a District Registrar in each of the Area Districts, and each District Registrar will work with the churches of his District. Each local church should have already appointed its own Registrar. Local church Registrars will receive special training in connection with the District Assemblies on April 23.

The intensive period of local registration will take place from May 1—June 21. Local pastors who have not appointed Registrars and notified Gerald Bash of their names and addresses, are urged to do so immediately. District Registrars are as follows:

Coastal—Mrs. Velma Ball
San Fernando-Kern—Byron A. Riggs
San Gabriel—Bernard English
Metropolitan—Ben Harris
San Bernardino-Riverside—Lynn Rollier
Harbor Bay—Mrs. Joseph Petrasich
Orange—David Stewart
San Diego—Heber Pitman
Imperial—John Strong

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RETURNS FOR DEDICATION

Robert Gates, now a student at Northwest Christian College, was one of the early pastors in the six year history of the Woodland Hills Christian Church.

Many of his friends, especially in the San Fernando Valley, were happy to find that he was able to return to the Los Angeles area for the dedication of the first unit of the Woodland Hills building on February 26.

ON TO FOREIGN FIELDS

VIEW-POINT is aware that this story in greater detail has appeared in other journals. However, it wants to recognize that Miss Jessie M. Trout, Vice President of The United Christian Missionary Society, has been reassigned to duties with the Division of World Mission to spend her last two years of service with the Society on the foreign missions field. On September 1, 1961 she terminates her duties as executive secretary of the department of C.W.F. following which she will serve successively in India, in Latin America, and in East Asia.

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OUTREACH CONFERENCES CONCLUDED

The suggested outreach goals for 93 Southern California Christian churches were presented to their leaders in the Conferences which concluded on February 15. The messages that Ralph Palmer, an executive secretary of The United Christian Missionary Society, brought were both informative and challenging.

In the week since the last conference, the department of Budgets and Promotional Relationships has been seeking the dates with the 33 churches who had no representation in the 11 different meetings. Members of the Department have offered to sit down with the leaders of each congregation to convey the information which earlier was given in the district meetings.

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MAKING BUILDING PLANS

The Devonshire Christian Church, pastored by Philip McKinley, has appointed both a building funds and a building plans committee. Board Chairman, Fred Towles, advises that there has been consultation between their leaders and Charles Betts, the chief architect for the Board of Church Extension.

PASADENA CENTRAL GETS OLD NAME BACK

The former Central Christian Church of Pasadena held its final service at 245 E. Walnut on February 19, according to the pastor, Dr. Wesley P. Ford. During this service the church made a contribution of a pulpit, communion table, 100 chairs, assorted tables and small chairs to the new church program of Southern California. Russell Hensley, Secretary for Church Development, was present to receive this equipment. These gifts will continue their usefulness in the new churches in which they are placed. The following day the "wreckers" began the demolition of the building.

In the following week the move to the new location, 789 N. Altadena Drive, was carried out. In its new location, the congregation will be known as the First Christian Church resuming a name formerly used.

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A letter from Dr. Leland Cook tells of his serving as the interim minister at the First Christian Church at Denton, Texas. He and Mrs. Cook have been at home in San Diego for a few weeks during the winter.

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COLLEGE EDUCATION MAJOR CONCERN

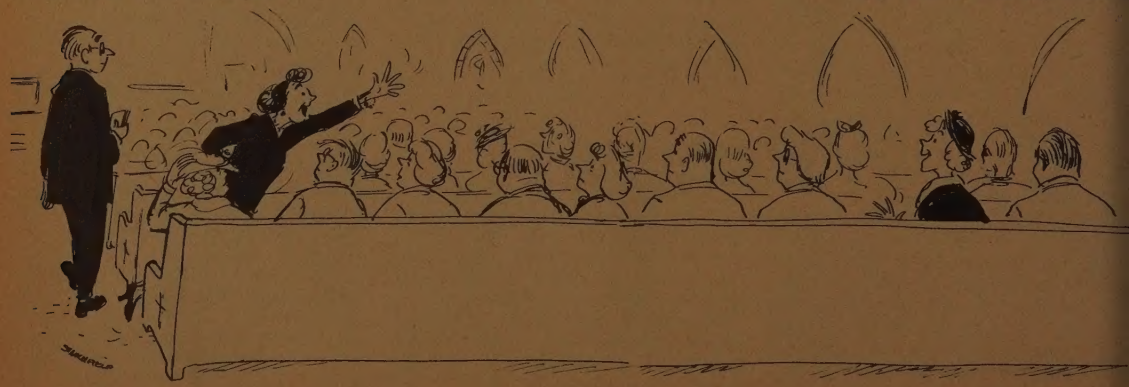
From the earliest days, even prior to the founding of Bethany College in 1840 by Alexander Campbell, the Disciples of Christ have recognized the value of a trained ministry and of the higher education of lay members.

Annual observance of Higher Education Day and National Christian Colleges Day is Sunday, April 16, 1961.

Samuel D. McLean, chairman of the Department of Christian Higher Education, reports that churches wishing to emphasize higher education will find helpful suggestions in the January issue of World Call and various issues of the Christian and The Christian Century magazines.

DEACON'S DILEMMA

by Walt Stanchfield



TROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY ESSES FELLOWSHIP

The Metropolitan District Assem- on April 23 will emphasize the leness of the church in a pro- n of inspiration, fellowship, and ship. There will be no division functional or fellowship groups all gather together as the "church". At 4:00 p.m., Dr. Myron C. Cole, tor of the Hollywood-Beverly istian Church, will speak on "The sion of the Church."

At a 6:00 p.m. dinner meeting, k Robinson, a layman of the Down- Church, will speak and a brief iness session will be held.

In the evening the group will move the sanctuary for worship. Rev. n Gibbs of Westchester Christian rch will bring the sermon and Rev. ch Henry of East 28th Street rch will preside.

Dinner reservations will be limit- to 400. See the C.W.F. person ving as Reservation Chairman in r local church to make your reser- ion. Those who do not obtain din- reservations are invited to attend worship service at 7:30 p.m.

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NISTER RESIGNS

Harry Berg began part time ser- e with the then-new Second Chris- n Church in Bakersfield in 1959. n the ministry moved to full-time k.

In mid-February, Mr. Berg closed ministry there by presenting his ignation to the congregation. Dr. verse Harrison, executive secre- y of the Bakersfield Council of urches, has filled the pulpit for ond Church.

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AN ADVENTURE IN UNITY

Beginning in friendly conversations on a San Diego golf course, and resulting in meetings and discussion of ministers from the two groups, the Congregational Christian Churches and the Christian Churches (Disciples) of the San Diego area are launched on an adventure in Christian Unity. On Sunday, March 5, 1961, a fellowship dinner program was held at the House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, where some 425 representatives from the various congregations of these two groups in San Diego came together under the theme, "The Unity We Seek."

This meeting is envisioned as only the beginning of other times of fellowship and discussion seeking ways in which these two groups may come closer together.

Dr. James H. Parrott and the Rev. William E. McCormack addressed the group stressing the contributions to Christian Unity on the part of Disciples and Congregationalists. Dr. Forrest E. Weir of the Southern California Council of Churches drew a picture of unity across the churches today.

This meeting will be followed by discussions between the ministers of the two groups and by the large mass meeting of the two fellowships at sometime in the future.

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AZUSA—Dr. and Mrs. Ray Snodgrass led an evangelistic crusade in the First Christian Church, and thirty-seven individuals united with the congregation. Paul E. Farrell is the minister.

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STRICT ASSEMBLIES MEET APRIL 23

At the election of the district presidents, Sunday, April 23, will find all trict assemblies meeting simultaneously.

Around the theme, "This Is the Church", ministers will exchange pulpits the morning service within each district. Here the district assembly actu- y begins.

In the afternoon at 4:00 p.m., the district meetings will begin. Below is a t of the host churches with the names of the district president or presiding icer:

DISTRICT	CHURCH	DIST. PRESIDENT
astal	Santa Barbara, 1915 Chapala St.	Claude J. Duncan
n Gabriel	Monrovia, Palm & Primrose Avenues	Bernard English
tropolitan	Wilshire, 634 South Normandie, L.A.	Ben Harris
n Bernardino-Riverside	Riverside, 4055 Jurupa	Donald Woodley
ange	Santa Ana, First - 1720 W. 17th St.	David Stewart
n Fernando-Kern	Glendale, Central - 305 E. Colorado	Scott Ludlow
rbor Bay	Redondo Beach, So. Bay - 408 Vincent	Thurman Crosswhite
n Diego	San Diego, East - 44th & Wightman	Heber Pitman
perial	El Centro, Waterman & Orange	Ed Pollard

Dinner reservations are requested so that the host church may make proper eparation.

All church leaders are cordially invited to attend.

ORANGE—Chapman College has been given a mountain lodge which will be used by faculty and students.

Westerlynn Lodge, located in the San Bernardino Mountains near Lake Gregory, has been presented to Chapman College by J. Errett Wilkinson, chairman of the Board of Trustees; his wife, Mrs. Flora J. Wilkinson; and their children, Mrs. Lona A. Hoffman, Harmon S. Wilkinson, and Norman R. Wilkinson.

The lodge will be available for the all-college faculty planning retreat, departmental meetings, faculty vacations, student field trips and meetings, and student or faculty social events. The sophomore class held a Snow Party at the lodge in February.

Wilkinson, owner of linen supply companies in Los Angeles and Anaheim, has been a member of the Chapman Board of Trustees since 1936 and chairman since 1939. During the 1956 -57 school year he served as acting president of the college.

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Rev. Karl Irvin, Jr., minister of the First Christian Church of Woodland, California has accepted the position of Assistant to the President. He will begin his work with Chapman College on May 1.

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Mr. Frank Crane of Santa Ana, for the past two years president of the Chapman College Board of Governors, has joined the Development Staff of the college. Serving in a part time capacity, he will be working primarily in helping to raise funds for the Centennial Library.

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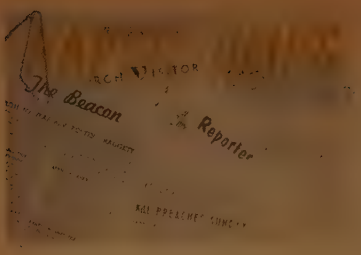
Another new member of the staff is Hillman R. Lee who recently retired as the manager of the large J. C. Penney Store of Las Vegas, Nevada. Hillman attended Chapman College as a student in the middle 1920's. He has also served Chapman College as a member of the Board of Trustees and Board of Governors. He spent 33 years with the J. C. Penney Company; the past 13 years in Las Vegas where he was also active in the First Christian Church. Mr. Hillman will serve Chapman as Placement Secretary, assisting young people in finding part-time work.



RIVERSIDE – Doris Delong, First Christian, recently accepted an exchange teaching post in Victoria, Australia. She will work with deaf students.

LA MESA – The CYF at Vista La Mesa received a round of applause from the C.W.F. for taking it upon themselves to wash communion glasses when they come into the kitchen for doughnuts and coffee.

SANTA MONICA, First – Our church will be interested in learning of the marriage of Dr. Raj Sukhnandan, Mungeli, India to Rosalyn Elsie Shukla in the Lalbagh Methodist Church, Lucknow, India on January 7. Our CWF and CMF paid the tuition for Raj's medical education for several years.

LOS ANGELES – All Peoples Church reports at the conclusion of the first week of the Community Center Membership program for the playground, records show that 110 young people have taken out their provisional membership cards. The next step involves staff members visiting in the homes of each one of these applicants.

LA PUENTE – Don Woodley was the pre-Easter speaker at Delhaven Christian Church on March 9 at a dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. His subject: "Deepening the Spiritual Life."

REDONDO BEACH, South Bay – The children of Temple Menorah who meet in our buildings for their Sabbath classes planted calendulas on the south side of the educational building. Each year at this time Jewish people plant trees and flowers as part of their religious celebrations. This evidence of inter-faith cooperation and fellowship is heartening.

FONTANA – The secretary of our Church School, Mr. Jim Buchanan got the happy idea that it would be a neighborly gesture to send a contribution of groceries into the Fontana-San Bernardino area which has been hard-hit employment wise.

S.O.Y. SPRING PLANS

S.O.Y. Conference

The Annual Student Older Youth Spring Conference will be held April 27-29 at Loch Leven. The main speaker will be Dr. Harvey Seifert, professor of Social Ethics at Claremont School of Theology. The conference will deal with "Youth Love and the International Conflict", with "Race", and with "Little Man in Big Society". Discussion leaders are being chosen to help the delegates deal with these major issues. Another feature of the conference will be the election of area officers for the coming year.

S.O.Y. Advisors Banquet

A dinner will be held for all local church and district S.O.Y. Advisors on April 14th at Knotts Berry Farm. At that time consideration will be given to the needs of local churches for more positive help in program areas with Student Older Youth. The cost of the meal will be $2.60. Mr. David Stewart pastor of the Pico-Rivera Christian Church is responsible for the program.

U.C.C.F. Conference

With the recent merger of campus groups with the Congregational and Presbyterian Student movements, some of our Student Older Youth young people are participants in the United Campus Christian Fellowship. On April 7-9, the three denominational group will meet at Loch Leven for the first Regional U.C.C.F. Conference in this area. Fifteen delegates and three advisors from each of the groups will share together. Three disciple students involved in the planning of this conference are John White, Huntington Park; John Hensley, Chapman College; Dennis Lake, Vista La Mesa.

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CAMP REGISTRARS READY

Camp registrars in each local church are making preparations to inform and enlist the young people of junior high and high school age who are planning to attend camp and conference this summer. They have received preliminary materials and steps on how to prepare youth for conference, and are awaiting the registration date of April 20. Each local church camp registrar will receive application blanks for camp and conference just before the April 20th registration time. Young people are encouraged to save their money and to make the selection of their first and second choice of conference as soon as possible. The camp and conference poster should now be up in each local church. A fine summer of activity is planned for our youth in camp and conference.

C.M.F. RALLY AT CHAPMAN COLLEGE

The Christian Men's Fellowsh of Southern California will hold Rally at Chapman College on May at 7:00 p.m. in the main auditoriu A large representation of youth fr the Christian Churches are expect as on this occasion the Sportsma ship Award will be given by t C.M.F. to youth for their excellen in the field of sports and for the high Christian principles.

The men of our churches will wa to be present to hear seven quarte from the districts compete for t state championship. Also, for t first time the Christian Layman the Year will be selected. Bob Ru is chairman of the Selection Comm tee for this event.

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MINISTERS GO TO SANTA ANA, FIRST

Presidents R. Lee Pryor and Ma Lou Savage remind all ministers a their wives that the next schedul meeting of the Ministers and Mini ter's Wives is to be at the Santa A First Church on Tuesday, April 11.

Luncheon reservations must made with the church in advance.

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DR. HARRY RICHARDSON GUEST PREACHER IN SAN DIEGO

"The quest for the life eterna has been the theme on which D Harry V. Richardson has spoken University Christian Church in S Diego beginning Palm Sunday evenin

Pastor Joseph Ray White and h people were happy at the coming Dr. Richardson after his leadersh in the Southern California Assemb at Santa Monica in 1960. Dr. Richar son is the president of the Interd nominational Theological Center Atlanta, Georgia.

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TEEN-AGE MISS OF THE YEAR

SUN VALLEY–Miss Marilyn Spe cer, CYFer-First Christian Churc was selected by the North Hollywo Junior Women's Club as their "Tee age Miss of the Year". On the appl cation Marilyn had to tell about pe sons who had meant a great deal her. She cited the couple who are t adult counselors of her youth grou noting that they have helped her demonstrating that people can Christian and also fun-loving a happy.

She won the contest and the a preciation of the counselors, Mr. a Mrs. James Plowman.

NISTER RESUMES AINING

Haywood Pritchett, Minister of istian Education at the West- ster Christian Church, this se- ster has resumed his academic ning. He is attending the Southern ifornia School of Theology in the noon three days a week.

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F CONFERENCE

"Conquest of Inner Space" is the me of the annual Spring Confer- e for young adults of District No. featuring Rev. Lewis R. Eloe as st speaker, May 19, 20, and 21, 61.

Rev. Eloe is a director of the thridge Family Counseling Center, rthridge, California, an ordained ristian Church minister, and has ved a number of Southern Califor- congregations on an interim basis. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Robeson, Co- esidents YAF District No. 1, and mbers of the First Christian urch, Reseda, recently announced conference program which will be ld at Camp Hess Kramer on Pacific ast Highway 101 eight miles north Zuma Beach.

Districts included in the confer- ce are: San Fernando-Kern, Coast- Harbor Bay, and Metropolitan.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Taylor, Co- easurers and members of the Ante- pe Valley Christian Church, Lan- ster, will be sending registration anks to every District No. 1 church. gistration costs will be:

Children under 1 year	$ 1.00
1 and 2 year olds	2.50
3, 4, and 5 year olds	4.50
6, 7, and 8 year olds	6.50
9, 10, and 11 year olds	8.50
12 year olds and over	10.00

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Gilchrist, First ice Presidents and members of the ellflower Christian Church, have an- ounced plans for a program for chil- en and youth coordinated with the lult seminars. Following each pre- ntation by Mr. Eloe, the adults will eet in buzz groups for discussion.

Leaders of the groups are: Rev. ohn Young, Associate Minister at e First Christian Church, Santa onica; Mr. Paul Kidd, Director of ilm Strip Production, Family Films, ollywood, and a member of the First hristian Church, Reseda; Dr. Joe ount, Professor at UCLA and high chool class teacher at the Westwood ills Christian Church; and Rev. ean Canady, Area Secretary in hristian Education, Southern Cali- rnia.

Rev. and Mrs. Larry Hixon, Second ice Presidents and Program Direct- rs, All Peoples Christian Church, Los ngeles, will plan the family vesper services and the individual family devotionals. They are also responsible for the program's fellowship and hospitality.

Executive advisors for the YAF District No. 1 are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stewart, immediate Past Co-Presidents and members of the First Christian Church, Torrance. Pastor-Counselors for the group and Rev. and Mrs. Foster Craggett, members of the All Peoples Christian Church, Los Angeles. Secretaries are Mr. and Mrs. Steven Rye, members of the First Christian Church, Reseda.

COMING EVENTS

Apr. 3 CWF Quarterly Officers Meeting - Hollywood-Beverly
5 CWF Metropolitan Dist. Presidents - Hollywood-Beverly
6 Department of Research
7-9 U.C.C.F. Conference - Loch Leven
8 CMF Commission - Pomona (tentative)
10 VIEW-POINT Commission
10 USC Dist. Training - San Gabriel District
11 USC Dist. Training - Coastal
11 Ministers and Minister's Wives Meeting
11 Churchman's Foundation
12 USC Dist. Tr. - Harbor Bay
13 USC Dist. Tr. - Orange
14 SOY Sponsor's Dinner - Knott's Berry Farm
15 BPW Spring Retreat, Santa Ana First
17 USC Dist. Tr. - San Diego-Imperial District
18 USC Dist. Tr. - San Bernardino-Riv.-So. Nev. District
19 USC Dist. Tr. - San Fernando District
20 USC Dist. Tr. - Metropolitan
20 Registration opens for camp and conference
22 Training for VCS leaders - Alhambra, First
23 District Assemblies
24 VIEW-POINT Commission
24 USC Dist. Tr. - San Gabriel District
25 USC Dist. Tr. - Coastal Dist.
25 Churchman's Foundation
26 USC Dist. Tr. - Harbor Bay District
27 USC Dist. Tr. - Orange Dist.
28-30 SOY Spring Conf. - Loch Leven
May 1,2 CWF President's Conference Pacific Palisades
1-3 Pre-school Lab, Reseda, First

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, SAN DIEGO PAYS OFF $30,000 MORTGAGE ON CLAIREMONT PROPERTY

For three and one-half years the University Christian Church has been making payments of $750 per month on a parcel of ground which cost $30,000 and purchased for the Clairemont Christian in San Diego. On March 19 a mortgage burning was held signifying the final payments on the Clairemont property. As a result of this $30,000 gift by University Church, several years ago, Clairemont now has developed into one of our most thriving congregations in the San Diego area.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

"The School at Claremont, which has been built by the faith and dedication of many people, has succeeded to an embarrassing extent," writes president Ernest Cadman Colwell. Students have been attracted more rapidly than anticipated, and now within nine months of the completion of the initial group of dormitories, every room has been taken. Faced with such continued "growing pains", the leaders at the seminary in Claremont are taking steps to meet the needs of students as rapidly as possible.

Summer Sessions 1961

Three summer sessions provide opportunities for resident pastors to secure some work if they desire. The first session is June 12—July 21. Second session continues from July 24—August 11. The final session is August 14—September 1.

July 31—August 11 there is a workshop session on "The Church's Ministry to Industry".

Inquiries may be directed to the Southern California School of Theology, Claremont, California.

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SAN DIEGO — Memorial services were conducted by Joseph Ray White, minister of the University Christian Church on February 3 for Miss Pearl Gibbons, retired missionary.

Miss Gibbons was 74 years old. As a young woman she accepted a call to go to the mission field, choosing Mexico as her place of service. Her first work was with little children and orphans, taking three of them into her home.

When Hope Hospital at Aguascaliente was established in the early 1920's, Miss Pearl became the Administrator where she served until her retirement after 42 years.

HONOR ROLL for the DECADE

The churches entered on this Honor Roll have committed themselves to taking Christ's message to "neighbors" everywhere. They have accepted the challenge of the "Program of Advance" for this ten year period. They are pledged to advances in Evangelism, World Outreach, Worship, Christian Education, Membership Development, Stewardship, and Christian Action. But their commitment goes beyond the fences we have built around these "programs". It requires that they devote their whole selves to reconciling man with God; to doing God's work in God's way.

The following are the Southern California churches who have sent in a commitment to be a participating congregation in the Program of Advance of this decade. (As of February 15, 1961.)

COASTAL DISTRICT
- Paso Robles, First
- Santa Barbara, First
- Santa Maria, First
- Ventura, First

SAN FERNANDO-KERN DISTRICT
- Antelope Valley, Lancaster
- Bakersfield, First
- Bakersfield, Second
- Burbank, First
- Burbank, White Chapel
- Devonshire
- Glendale, Central
- Reseda, First
- Sun Valley, First

SAN GABRIEL DISTRICT
- Arcadia
- Covina
- Delhaven
- Eastmont
- Monrovia
- Pasadena, Bethany
- Ramona Avenue, La Verne
- South Pasadena
- Temple City

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
- All Peoples
- Cypress Park
- East 28th Street
- Highland Park
- Hollywood-Beverly
- Huntington Park, First
- Santa Monica, First
- Westchester

SAN BERNARDINO-RIVERSIDE-SOUTH NEVADA DISTRICT
- Beaumont, First
- Coachella Valley
- Fontana
- Hemet, First
- Las Vegas, First
- Ontario, First
- Redlands, State Street
- Riverside, First
- San Bernardino, First

HARBOR BAY DISTRICT
- Bixby Knolls
- East Side, Long Beach
- Hollydale, First
- Lynwood, First
- North Long Beach
- San Pedro, First
- Torrance, First
- Wilmington, First

ORANGE DISTRICT
- Camile
- Fullerton, First
- Orange, First
- Rivera
- Whittier, First

SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL DISTRICT
- Chula Vista, First
- El Cajon, First
- Oceanside, First
- San Diego, Central
- San Diego, Clairemont
- San Diego, East
- San Diego, University
- Vista La Mesa

PRINCIPLES FOR ESTATES

During recent months Central Christian Church of San Diego has received a significant bequest in the form of an estate from Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Williamson, members of the congregation. This sizable estate representing wheat lands in the state of Washington, cash assets, and other real estate, has been a real challenge to this congregation to be good stewards of its resources.

In response to this opportunity the congregation developed a set of principles whereby this estate will be used for Kingdom purposes. Basically these principles provide that one-fourth of the income from the estate is to be set aside for Outreach Causes. The basis for distribution of that portion which goes to Outreach is that three-fourths will be distributed to all causes represented on the list of United Outreach Askings, on a percentage basis. The remaining quarter of the Outreach Funds is distributed by the World Outreach Department of the church to causes that seem to be most pressing at the time.

A smaller bequest was also received in recent months by Central Christian totaling some $5,400, a bequest that was earmarked for missions. The General Board of Central Christian Church voted recently not only to apply the original principles in the distribution of this bequest, but that any subsequent estates received by the church as bequests, which are not specified by the donor, are to be distributed on the basis of these principles, writes the minister, Heber Pitman.

While the bulk of the large estate received by Central is being reserved for long range planning as the church seeks to retool its program for the needs of the downtown area, this arrangement pro vides proof that here is a church concerned not only with its own program and its own pressing needs, but with a concern also for the whole church.

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN HOME

The start of construction on new, forty six bed nursing uni anticipated for approximately Apri As this is written the low bid Shepherd and Morgan, contractor San Marino, has been accepted by board of trustees of the Home, an in the hands of the National Bene lent Association for approval. T action should be completed by Ma 1, enabling the work to start as i cated above. It is anticipated that building which is to cost over $260, will be completed before the end this year.

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HILLSIDE CHURCH TO BE CHARTERED BY THE BROTHERHOOD

Sunday, April 9, will mark time for the chartering service our newest congregation, the H side Christian Church in San B nardino. On this day the Hills Church will have church school its facility after which the con gation will move to the First Ch tian Church, San Bernardino, fo service of worship. The Hills leaders will conduct this service which both congregations will sh Rev. David Covey, minister of Hillside Church will bring the m sage. Hillside elders will preside the table and deacons from both c gregations will serve the emblems the close of the service, members the Hillside Church who were form ly members of First Church, will officially commissioned as memb of this new congregation.

In the afternoon, representati from the Area Office of Christ Churches of Southern California be present for the chartering serv of this new church. Dr. James Parrott, Executive Secretary Christian Churches of Southern C fornia, will bring the message; T Gibbs, chairman of the New Chu Advance Department and ministe the Westchester Christian Chu will present the Certificate of Rec nition from the Brotherhood; Russ Hensley, Secretary of Church De opment for Christian Churches Southern California, will present Charter to the Church. At the conc sion of the service, members of new congregation will sign the Ch ter Membership Scroll and the chu will be presented to the Board Directors of the Christian Churc of Southern California so that t might be officially recognized their name placed in the next is of the Year Book of the Disciples Christ. The afternoon service wil at 3:00 in the Edgehill Club, 4851 View, San Bernardino, where Hillside Christian Church is meeting.

ITED CLOTHING DRIVE REPORT

Millions throughout the world—victims of war, aggression, floods, earthke, and other disasters—are hungry, cold and destitute. They are our reponsibility because they were created by God. It is "because God so loved world, that He gave His only Son". . .and because of that love, the peos of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have responded in the ted Clothing Drive along with other communions cooperating with the urch World Service, who distributes the clothing to the areas of need.

The following is a report of clothing and money giving for this cause dur the first nine months of 1960.

Churches	Pounds Contributed	Percent of 8¢ Per Pound Contributed
nited Presbyterian	1,084,358	70
ethodist	582,632	58.5
isciples of Christ	295,728	98.8
outhern Presbyterian	272,013	86.7
ongregational Christian	205,628	51.4
rotestant Episcopal	159,828	71.8
vangelical United Brethren	155,608	84.9
vangelical & Reformed	154,828	44.7
merican Baptist	116,134	82.7
nited Church of Christ	114,071	55.9

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IE CHURCHES GIVING) WORLD OUTREACH

Southern California Christian Chures provide untold services through eir financial support of world outach causes. Many of these are ungirded by offerings through Unified omotion. Others receive their offergs direct from the churches, such the California Christian Home d National Benevolent Association. embers of the churches need to ow what is the giving picture.

For the 12 months ending June 30, 61, $520,155 needs to be given rough Unified Promotion by Southn California Churches. This will ovide full distribution, among oths, to the United Society, Chapman ollege, the Area Office and the Semary Foundation. If the total is less ch agency will receive less.

The $520,155 is 48.68% higher an Southern California's offerings Unified Promotion for the previous ar. Much of this increase is beause the International Convention, hapman College, the Seminary oundation and Campus Christian ife came into Unified Promotion as is year began, July 1, 1960.

Offerings from Southern California hristian Churches actually increased 4.69% (or $41,512) in seven months ver the same period last year. Thus n January 31, 1961 Southern Califoia Churches were 23.99% short. This s a dollar shortage of $40,236 for even months.

Church members and leaders will ant to examine their own stewardhip and that of their church as they ove through the ensuing months to ne 30. The work of all the church eyond the immediate community deends upon adequate support.

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"How To Lose Your Temper"

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Many people wish there were three easy lessons on how to lose your temper--forever! Of all the difficulties in family life, an explosive or a 'terrible temper' seems to be the most common.

It seems to be an almost accepted axiom, that a person controls his temper outside the home, but 'lets it go at home.' The usual excuses are 'you cannot let them out any other place,' or 'what is home for?' Because people feel they 'must act their best' in business, they may come home with a load of anger and are touchy, irritable and easy to take offense.

Back home, the wife has had one of those frustrating days where everything has gone wrong. The children were not angels and it seemed that all of life's irritant s were combined against her.

Now, take these two ingredients and put them together. The new combination is not always love and laughter. It is a common experience to displace anger on convenient items. It is disasterous when those convenient items are the people we love.

It is important to recall that in an average day there are situations that can produce anger. It is important to realize also that our own feelings, fears, and insecurities produce anger. Because of these inner conditions we carry around with us anger and the machinery for its immediate production.

All of us realize that this is an essential part of our construction. Anger and its production is a necessary part of our life. We were created to get angry and to use it for survival. Anger is valuable in that it helps us to defend and champion those things in which we believe. To try to irradicate all anger is not only impossible, it is also dangerous.

At this point, it is important to clearify our talking about anger and to draw a distinction between feelings and behavior. What is most disturbing in family life is the angry behavior--the acting out of angry feelings. As an example, the husband who beats his wife when he feels angry, or the wife who throws things when she feels angry. The behavior can be controlled. A person does not need to hit, bite, throw, and etc., when they feel angry. Behavior can be controlled by sending a message to the brain and relay on an adult response. Such controlled behavior can become almost automatic--like driving a car. It is the controlling of behavior that makes this world as sane as it is.

By the controlling of behavior, we are then free to choose the appropriate behavior in each given situation. This places our actions under rational control.

As for the feeling of anger, this is not under our rational control. We feel the way we feel separate and apart from our rea son. We do build rationalizations for our feelings but we can no send a message to the brain t adjust our feelings of anger a in the case of behavior. We, can however, discover why we fee the way we do. Then through understanding and acceptanc reduce the intensity, adjust, an change our feelings.

As a guide to better under standing, here are a few things that anger tends to make peopl do:

1) Anger keeps people awa from us,

2) It serves as a means of con trolling a situation,

3) It instills fear and insecur ity in the family,

4) It demands obedience, bu but never gains respect,

5) Anger indicates insecurit and fear,

What can we do about it?

1) Recognize anger as a de fense mechanism,

2) Realize that anger can be useful,

3) Make clear the distinction between feelings and actions and strengthen behavioral con trol,

4) Realize that you are not helpless in the hands of anger,

5) Don't be afraid of anger--fear distorts the picture and com pounds the problem,

6) Talk out your feelings of an ger--it is less expensive,

7) Grow in understanding and develop insight into behavior,

8) Develop constructive ave nues of expression. It is sur prising how fast an angry woman can clean a dirty floor.

9) Practice tolerance and pa tience. Don't expect the door to open before you ring the bell.

For answers to your questions on family relations, you may write to Mr. Lewis Eloe, 8949 Reseda Blvd., Northridge, California. Please send a self addressed, stamped, envelope with your inquiries.

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